



TOWN OF DANVERS

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PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES JANUARY 17, 2015

Members Attending: Ellen Graham, Sandra Lane, Walter Sherwood, Nate Powers

Staff: Susan Fletcher

Also attending: John Archer, Justin Kadich, Kathryn Morano, Elizabeth Potter

Minutes of January 20, 2015

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of January 20, 2015.

487 Locust Street

It was noted that the end of the demolition delay period is April 29, 2015. If the building is going to be preserved than agreement between the town and the property owners needs to be reached prior to that date. It is also apparent that a positive Town Meeting vote will be needed to purchase the preservation restriction. As of yet the appraisal for the property has not been received by the town.

Libby Potter reported that she had found several plans of the 1807 county layout of the road and the plan for a 1999 highway easement that she believes may limit how many lots can be created. Libby gave copies of these plans to the Town Engineer, Rick Rodgers, for his review. Staff will contact Rick to see what results he might have with his review. Bill LaChance who is the appraiser for the property will also be notified.

22 Conant Street

The demolition delay period for this structure will also end on April 29, 2015. Those present were informed that Andrew DeFranza, Executive Director of Harborlight Community Partners, has been trying to find a lot where the structure could be moved. Unfortunately he has only been able to find a lot where the structure could be temporarily stored for up to a year while a permanent location is acquired.

John Archer informed those present that he spoke at the last Selectmen's meeting about the need to save this structure. He believes that the Board of Selectmen are supportive of saving the building and they asked the Town Manager to write to the Arch Diocese regarding the town's concerns. He also has put a petition on Facebook asking to save the building and the last time he checked there were 166 signatures on the petition. John also mentioned that he had been a guest on Mark Zuberic's DCAT show and that he had had a nice talk with Father Doyle and he will be meeting with him later this week. John stated that he would be more than happy to manage the building like he has done with the former Williams School for the Danvers Art Association.

Putnamville School

After a brief discussion about the need to preserve this structure, staff was requested to write a letter to the Town Manager requesting that the Preservation Commission be included in the decision making process as to the ultimate use of the property and expressing the Commission's support of preserving the structure's façade.

Preservation Loan Program

Staff is to meet with Town Counsel on this program.

State Hospital Memorial

Nate stated that the research was ongoing.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fletcher
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Planning and Human Services